

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at its headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building #46, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday August 7, 2012 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Newbrook, Vice Chairperson Filippi and Commissioners Burlingame, Blackburn, Sylvester, Jasparro, Jackson and Dias. Commissioners Richard, Pearson and Walker were absent. Also present were Executive Director Thomas B. Coffey, Jr. and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini.

The following cases were heard.

APPEAL #080238A: Ms. Frances M. Goulet, for the property located at 10-12 Manchester Street, Pawtucket. DSFM Michael Macaruso appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn to grant the Applicant a variance based on structural hardship to allow the Applicant to maintain the 3rd floor corridor width as is. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #090372: Brentwood Nursing Home, for the property located at 4000 Post Road, Warwick. DSFM Robert Couture appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Dias made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to grant the Applicant a variance to allow the existing manual fire alarm boxes to remain at the existing heights. The Board granted a variance based on

structural hardship to allow the Applicant to maintain the stair dimensions in older section of this facility due to limited occupancy. The Board granted the Applicant a variance to allow the continued use of the three-story building based on structural hardship due to the fact that no patient use will be allowed on the 2nd and 3rd floors of this facility. The Applicant was granted a time variance until March 31, 2013 to provide heat detection above the suspended ceiling. The Board granted the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the State Fire Marshal's Office to bring this facility into compliance and an additional 120 days to implement that plan. The motion passed.

APPEAL #120083: Rich Paper Box, for the property located at 1284 Plainfield Street, Johnston. ADSFM Richard Matarese appeared for the Johnston Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Jasparro made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the Johnston Fire Marshal's Office for the installation of a fire alarm system in this facility and an additional 150 days to implement that plan, with the Johnston Fire Marshal's Office authorized to extend the above deadline, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #120084: Mr. Michael Bauthillette, for the property located at 546 Budlong Road, Cranston. DSFM David Cionfolo and DSFM Thomas Dettore appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dias, to grant the Applicant's request for a variance on the one (1) hour separation between the first and second floors of this facility, with an agreement from the Applicant to provide this facility with a sprinkler system. The motion passed with Commissioner Burlingame opposing the vote.

APPEAL #120087: Hughes Associates Inc., for the property located at 888 Reservoir Avenue, Cranston. ADSFM Glenn Bathgate appeared for the Cranston Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Jackson and Dias, to grant a variance to allow the Applicant to maintain the storage closet located in the rear stairway. The Board also granted the Applicant's request for a variance on the one-hour separation from the exit discharge of the front stairway which discharges through the reception area. The Applicant advised the Board this facility will have a complete automatic sprinkler system throughout this facility. The motion passed.

APPEAL #100062: Ms. Louise Fontaine did not appear for the property located at 118-120 Carrington Avenue, Woonsocket. ADSFM David Degrange and ADSFM Scott Popovitch appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office. The Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office advised the Board that the Applicant and Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office are requesting a time variance of thirty (30) days to

bring this facility into full compliance with the fire code. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to bring this facility into full compliance with the fire code. The Board granted the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office the authority to extend the above timeline, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #120071: Mr. Jerry Deluca, for the property located at 342 Logee Street, Woonsocket. ADSFM David Degrange and ADSFM Scott Popovitch appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Blackburn and Dias, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office to bring this facility into full compliance with the fire code and an additional (150) days to implement that plan, with the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office authorized to extend the above deadlines, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #090104: Brightview Commons, for the property located at 57 Grandeville Court, Wakefield. DSFM Kaitlyn Foley appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Vice Chairperson Filippi made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dias, to grant the Applicant a variance on the sidewall sprinkler head dimension. The Applicant was also granted a variance not to post visible signage indicating that there is a

delay when opening the egress door to the special care unit of this facility. The Board also granted the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to State Fire Marshal's Office to correct any other outstanding deficiencies within this facility and an additional (150) days to implement that plan. The motion passed with Commissioner Burlingame opposing the vote.

APPEAL #090096: Town of Cumberland, for the property located at 45 Broad Street, Cumberland. DSFM Paul Manning appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. ADSFM Brian Jackvony appeared for the Valley Falls Fire Marshal's Office. The Board advised the Applicant, State Fire Marshal's Office and Valley Falls Fire Marshal's Office that this case will be tabled until August 28, 2012, to allow the Applicant time to prepare a plan of action to correct any outstanding deficiencies in this facility. No vote was taken by the Board at this time.

APPEAL #120092: Bradford Printing and Finishing, for the property located at 460 Bradford Road, Westerly. (Main Building) Chief Scott Caron and DSFM Paul Manning appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Chief Jay Sullivan appeared for the Bradford Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairperson Filippi to accept the Applicant's plan of action and grant a time variance of two (2) years for the installation of a sprinkler system and a time variance of one (1) year for the installation of the fire alarm system in this facility. The Board advised the Applicant

**that in one (1) year they must return to the Board with a status report.
The motion was unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

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